

MINUTES
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
July 25, 2007

PRESENT: Charlotte Barkley
Wilma Brown
Joyce Bunn
Loretta Evans, Acting Chairperson
Barbara Holmes
Betty Meredith
Judy Padgett
Dr. Ohlen Wilson
Dr. Robert Smith, Director of Psychological Services

OTHERS PRESENT: BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison
Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Loretta Evans called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Charlotte Barkley, and a second by Joyce Bunn, the minutes from the June 27, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Wilson and seconded by Betty Meredith that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

After review in Closed Session of the restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Barbara Holmes and seconded by Charlotte Barkley that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion made by Betty Meredith and a second by Dr. Wilson, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with two updates to be given next month.

The report on the smoking cessation plan was postponed until next month.

Wilma Brown, nominee for Chairperson, and Dr. Wilson, nominee for Vice-Chair, both declined the nomination. Charlotte Barkley nominated Loretta Evans for Chairperson and Betty Meredith seconded. Motion carried. Charlotte Barkley nominated Betty Meredith as Vice-Chair and Loretta Evans seconded. Motion carried. The committee unanimously approved both nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Upon a motion from Dr. Wilson and a second from Wilma Brown the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2007.